

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Jack Gillum
The Associated Press
Washington Bureau
1100 13th Street NW
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Gillum:

Your Freedom of Information Act request dated February 26, 2013, in which you sought email accounts, including aliases, of political appointees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency since Jan. 20, 2009, was designated EPA-HQ-2013-004042 and assigned to the Office of the Administrator for response.

A search was conducted, and the most responsive and comprehensive record that we located is enclosed. This document does not include the email addresses of appointees who have left the EPA, including former Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. As you probably know, Administrator Jackson had a public account, jackson.lisap@epa.gov, which was posted on the EPA's website and received millions of messages each year, and a secondary account, windsor.richard@epa.gov, which was her working account. All of the other appointees who have since left the agency had only one email account and used the lastname.firstname@epa.gov construction.

When he became Acting Administrator, Bob Perciasepe was assigned a secondary account, in addition to his public account, perciasepe.bob@epa.gov. His secondary address was inadvertently listed twice on the enclosed list and is being redacted pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6), which protects information where disclosure would result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The record is being released to you with corresponding redactions to preserve the utility of that account. Just as we did with Administrator Jackson's secondary account and to uphold our commitment to transparency, we would be happy to provide you that account when its preservation is no longer necessary.

If you have any concerns, you may appeal this response in writing to the National Freedom of Information Act officer at:

Records, FOIA and Privacy Branch U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T) Washington, D.C. 20460 Fax: (202) 566-2147

Email: hq.foia@epa.gov

Please note that correspondence mailed through only the United States Postal Service can be delivered to the address above. If you would like to deliver your appeal in person, via courier service or via an overnight-delivery service, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, D.C., 20001.

Your appeal must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include the request number listed above. The EPA will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar-day limit. For the quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

We greatly appreciate your patience as we have been working to fulfill a number of particularly resource-intensive requests during the past several months. Please know that we are committed to transparency and consider it a privilege to serve the American people as we advance our mission to protect public health and the environment.

Sincerely,

Eric E. Wachter

Director

Enclosure